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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application Of:

Joel L. PASSKE, et al.

Serial No. 09/887,523

Filed: June 21, 2001

For: FOOTWEAR WITH BLADDER FILTER)

) Group Art Unit: 3728

) Examiner: Stashick, A.

) Attorney Reference: 005127.00094

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RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The Office Action mailed November 21, 2002 has been carefully reviewed and, in view of the following remarks, reconsideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

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I. Discussion of Objection to the Specification

In the prior Office Action, mailed May 22, 2002, the Examiner objected to the specification for associating numerical reference 200 with a bladder system and footwear. In response to the objection, Applicants filed an amendment to the specification that deleted the numerical reference 200 associated with "bladder system" in the paragraph beginning on page 12, line 14 and extending through page 12, line 18. In the present Office Action, the Examiner objected again to the specification despite the prior amendment. Applicants respectfully maintain that the prior amendment rectified the objection. Should the Examiner disagree, however, Applicants courteously invite the Examiner to clarify the objection.